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NEW ERA FOR RURAL INDIA

NATIONAL LAUNCH OF PROGRAMMES UNDER

BY Dr. Manmohan Singh

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India

on 2nd February 2006 at 11:00 A.M.

at Bandlapalle Gram Panchayat, Narpala Mandal, District Ananthapur (Andhra Pradesh)

Smt. Sonia Gandhi

Hon'ble Chairperson

National Advisory Council will grace the occasion

GRACIOUS PRESENCE

Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, Union Minister for Rural Development

Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, Union Minister for Panchayati Raj and Youth Affairs & Sports

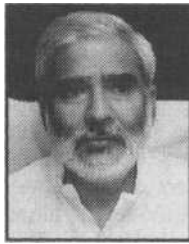
Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

Shri A. Narendra and Smt. Suryakanta Patil, Union Ministers of State for Rural Development

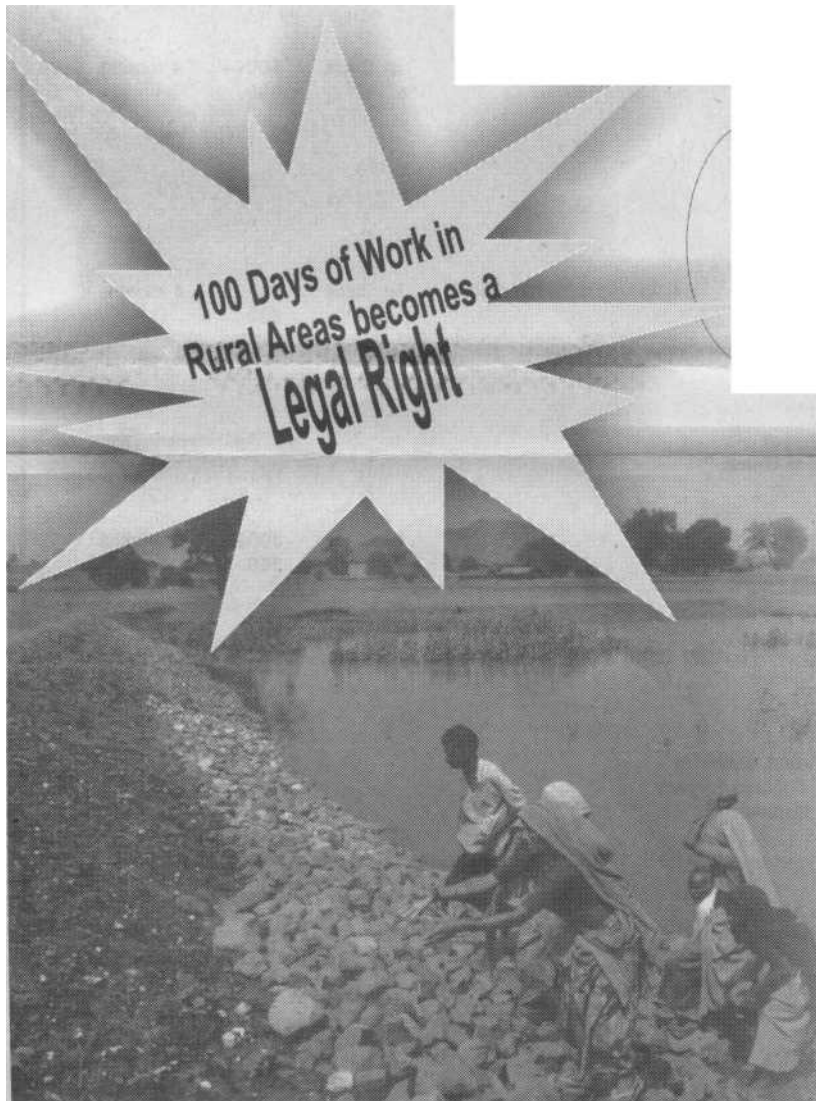
SIMULTANEOUS LAUNCHING OF NREGA TODAY ALL OVER THE
COUNTRY IN GRAM SABHAS IN ABOUT 80,000 GRAM PANCHAYATS OF
DISTRICTS SELECTED IN THE FIRST PHASE. CENTRAL MINISTERS,
CHIEF MINISTERS, MINISTERS OF STATE GOVERNMENTS,
MPs, MLAs, MLCs AND PRI FUNCTIONARIES WOULD PARTICIPATE.



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SALIENT FEATURES OF NREGA

- NREGA is not just a scheme but an Act providing legal guarantee to work.
- Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) will have principal role in planning and implementation.
- Transparency, accountability, social audit and people's participation will be ensured through institutional mechanism.
- Grievance redressal mechanism will be put in place.
- One third beneficiaries will be women.
- Any adult person in the notified area willing to do unskilled manual work, can apply for registration with Gram Panchayat. He/She will then be issued a job card.
- The job card is the legal instrument that will entitle the registered person to apply for employment under the Act.
- Registration will be open throughout the year.
- Employment will be given within 5 km. of the applicant's residence, else additional wages will be paid.



**MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NREGA STARTS FROM TODAY i.e. ON 2nd FEBRUARY 2006

RURAL HOUSEHOLDS IN THE NOTIFIED DISTRICTS CAN NOW EXERCISE VARIOUS RIGHTS UNDER THE ACT:

- * The right to demand employment
- * The right to get employment within 15 days of their demand
- * The right to get unemployment allowance if the employment is not given within 15 days
- * The right to be paid statutory wages prevalent in a State
- * The right to worksite facilities like drinking water, sheds for children and first aid

The application for employment may be given to the gram panchayat or To the Programme Officer at the Block level.

List of 200 Districts Identified for implementation of NREGA in First Phase

Andhra Pradesh: Adilabad, Ananthapur, Chittoor, Cudappah, Karimnagar, Khammam, Mahbubnagar, Medak, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Rangareddy, Vizianagaram, Warangal, **Arunachal Pradesh:** Upper Subansiri, **Assam:** Bongaigaon, Dhemaji, Goalpara, Karbi Anglong, Kokrajhar, North Cachar Hills, North Lakhimpur (Laksha), **Bihar:** Araria, Aurangabad, Bhojpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, Jamui, Jehanabad, Kaimur(Bhabua), Katihar, Kishanganj, Lakhisarai, Madhubani, Munger, Muzaffarpur, Nalanda, Nawadah, Patna, Purnia, Rohtas, Samastipur, Sheohar, Supaul, Vaishali, **Chhattisgarh:** Bastar, Bilaspur, Dantewada, Dhamtari, Jashpur, Kanker, Kawardha, Koriya, Raigarh, Rajnandgaon, Sarguja, **Gujarat:** Banaskantha, Dangs, Dohad, Narmada, Panch Mahals, Sabarkantha, **Haryana:** Mohindergarh, Sirsa, **Himachal Pradesh:** Chamba, Sirmaur, **J&K:** Doda, Kupwara, Poonch, Jharkhand : Bokaro, Chatra, Dhanbad, Dumka, Garhwa, Giridih, Godda, Gumla, Hazaribagh, Jamtara, Kodarma, Latehar, Lohardagga, Pakaur, Palamu, Ranchi, Sahibganj, Saraikela, Simdega, Pachhim Singhbhum, **Karnataka:** Bidar, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Gulbarga, Raichur, **Kerala:** Palakkad, Waynad, **Madhya Pradesh:** Balaghat, Barwani, Betul, Chattarpur, Dhar, Dindori, Jhabua, Khandwa (East Nimar), Mandla, Satna, Seoni, Shahdol, Sheopur, Shivpuri, Siddhi, Tikamgarh, Umaria, West Nimar (Khargone), **Maharashtra:** Ahmednagar, Amravati, Aurangabad, Bhandara, Chandrapur, Dhule, Gadchiroli, Gondya, Hingoli, Nanded, Nandurbar, Yawatmal, **Manipur:** Tamenlong, **Meghalaya:** South Garo Hills, West Garo Hills, **Mizoram:** Lawngtlai, Saiha, **Nagaland:** Mon, **Orissa:** Bolangir, Boudh, Debagarh, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Ganjam, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, Phulbani, Rayagada, Sambalpur, Sonapur, Sundargarh, **Punjab:** Hoshiarpur, **Rajasthan:** Banswara, Dungarpur, Jhalawar, Karauli, Sirohi, Udaipur, **Sikkim:** North Sikkim, **Tripura:** Dhalai, **Tamil Nadu:** Dinidigul, Nagapattinam, Sivagangai, South Arcot/Cuddalore, Tiruvannamalai, Viupuram, Uttranchal: Chamoli, Champawat, Tehri Garhwal, **Uttar Pradesh:** Azamgarh, Banda, Barabanki, Chandauli, Chitrakoot, Fatehpur, Gorakhpur, Hamirpur, Hardoi, Jalaun, Jaunpur, Kaushambi, Kushinagar, Lakhimpur Kheri, Lalitpur, Mahoba, Mtrzapur, Pratapgarh, Raebareli, Sitapur, Sonebhadra, Unnao, **West Bengal:** South 24 Parganas, Bankura, Birbhum, Jalpaiguri, Malda, Murshidabad, Purulia, Dakshin Dinajpur, Midnapur West, Uttar Dinajpur

